



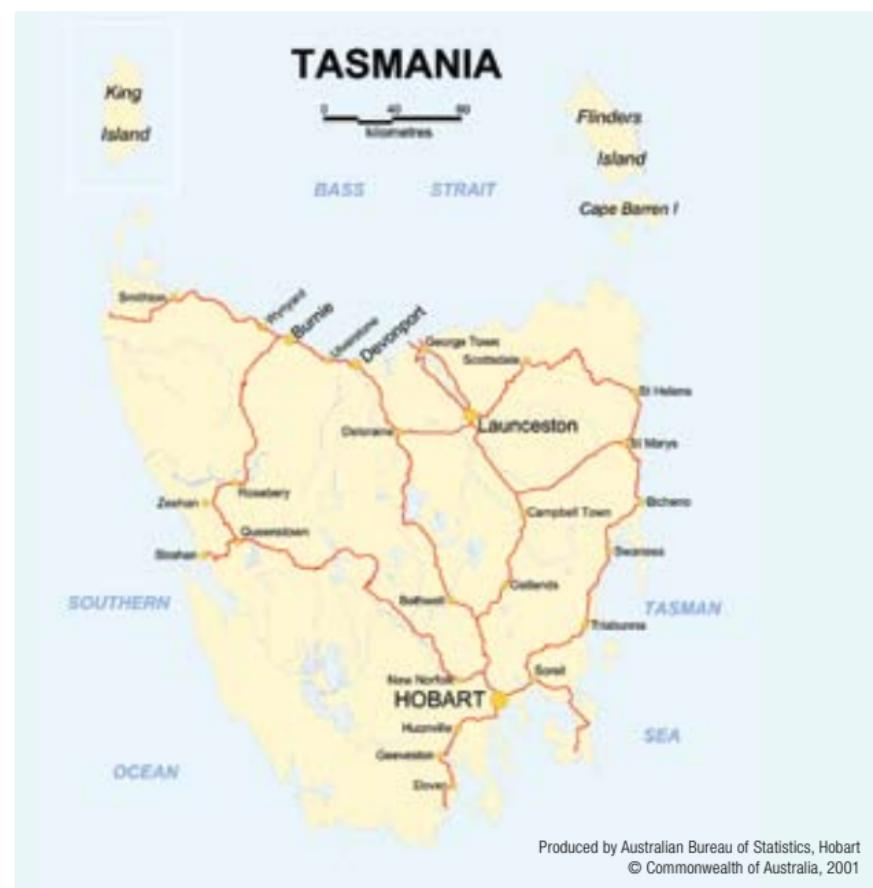
# Tasmania at a Glance

## 2010



The island State of Tasmania lies off the south-east corner of the Australian mainland. The area of the State, including the smaller islands, is 68,102 km<sup>2</sup> or about 0.9% of the total area of Australia. It is separated from the mainland by Bass Strait, which averages 240 kilometres in width.

The remaining coastline is bounded by the Southern Ocean on the south and west and the Tasman Sea on the east. At its greatest length, Tasmania spans some 296 kilometres from north to south; at its greatest width, it is 315 kilometres from the eastern coast to the western coast.



# PEOPLE

## EDUCATION

		1999	2009
Schools			
Government	no.	216	207
Non-government	no.	65	67
Students (full-time)			
Government	no.	62954	57504
Non-government	no.	20859	23403
University (total enrolments) (a)	no.	13406	23782
(a) Includes Maritime College from 2008			
		1998	2008
VET (number of students)	no.	29000	46300

## INTERNET ACCESS

		2003	2008-09
Households with home Internet access	no.	78000	126 000
Proportion of all Tasmanian households	%	41	63

## LABOUR FORCE (a)

		2003-04	2008-09
Persons in labour force			
Total in labour force	no.	225 900	249 600
Employed	no.	210 700	238 200
Unemployed	no.	15 200	11 400
Participation rate	%	59.0	61.9
Unemployment rate	%	6.8	4.6

(a) Average of monthly original estimates

## LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

		1998	2008
Average family size - persons	no.	3.0	2.9(2007)
Total families	no.	131 000	144 000
Families with children under 15 years	no.	57 000	54 000
Lone father families with children under 15 years (a)	%	2.4	3.8
Lone mother families with children under 15 years (a)	%	20.6	22.0
Proportion of persons aged 65 years and over living alone	%	31.7	28.1
Marriages			
Rate per 1 000 population		5.5	5.4
Divorces granted			
Rate per 1 000 population		2.8	2.3

(a) of all families with children aged under 15

## POPULATION (a)

		2004	2009
Males	no.	237963	247942
Females	no.	244807	254685
Persons	no.	482770	502627
0 to 14 years	no.	97257	97579
15 to 24 years	no.	63917	65851
25 to 64 years	no.	252944	262296
Aged 65 and over	no.	68652	76901
Median age of population	years	38.3	39.6
Greater Hobart Statistical Division	no.	202089	p212019
Greater Launceston Statistical District	no.	101751	p105445
Burnie-Devonport Statistical District	no.	79063	p82102

(a) Estimated resident population as at 30 June

## HEALTH and WELL-BEING

		1998	2008
Life expectancy at birth			
Males	years	75.1	77.7
Females	years	80.4	82.3
Fertility rate (births per woman)		1.82	2.24
Standardised death rate (per 1,000 standard population)		7.7	6.9
		2003	2008
Average Medicare services processed			
Per person	no.	10.4	11.9
Per male	no.	8.3	9.7
Per female	no.	12.4	13.9
Persons with private Health Insurance	%	43.1	42.9

## CAUSES OF DEATH

		1998	2007
Leading causes of death per 100,000 pop (a)			
Cancer (Malignant neoplasms)	rate	202	195
Ischaemic heart disease	rate	165	110
Stroke	rate	80	49

(a) rates are age standardised

## WAGES

		2004	2009
Total average weekly earnings(trend)			
Full-time adult employees (November)	\$	872.1	1098.2
Increase over previous year	%	5.3	8.4
Labour Price Index-			
Total hourly rates of pay excluding bonuses (2008-09=100.0) (December)		84.3	103.3

## ECONOMY

### FINANCE

2002-03      2007-08

State Government-			
Total revenue	\$m	4176	6193
Total expenses	\$m	3960	5996
GFS Net Operating Balance	\$m	216	197

### FOREIGN TRADE

2003-04      2008-09

Total imports (Customs value)	\$m	669	956.4
Total exports (Value f.o.b.)	\$m	2316.9	3511.2

### PRICES - HOBART

2004      2009

Consumer Price Index (Dec)			
Index number (1989-90=100)		146.7	168.7
Increase over previous year	%	3.3	2.6
Established House Price Index (Dec)			
Index number (2003-04=100)		111.4	p156.5
Increase over previous year	%	12.2	p11.0

Average Retail Prices (cents) Dec 2009		Hobart	Sydney	Perth
Bread, white loaf, sliced	650g- 750g	319	379	358
Milk	2 litre	370	348	315
Rump steak	1 kg	2082	1932	2011
Lamb, leg	1 kg	1012	987	1045
Sausages	1 kg	652	614	667
Salmon, pink	210g can	306	352	349
Potatoes	1 kg	254	150	250
Tomatoes	1 kg	378	368	434
Eggs	1 doz	440	399	454
Coffee, instant	150g jar	790	756	771
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500g	323	322	325
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	364	316	384
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	128	119	118

# INDUSTRY

## AGRICULTURE

		2007-08	2008-09
Livestock numbers -			
Milk cattle	'000	198	p225
Meat cattle	'000	444	p404
Sheep and lambs	'000	2137	p2027
Pigs	'000	13	p14
Production of-			
Red meat (carcass weight)	tonnes	77045	73145
Milk (a)	million litres	662	708
Wool(b)	tonnes	9195	9242
Barley for grain	tonnes	22000	p28000
Apples	tonnes	30222	35085
Gross value	\$m	1146	p1089

(a) Dairy Australia, whole milk intake  
 (b) Wool received by brokers and dealers

## BUILDING WORK DONE

		2003-04	2008-09
New residential building	\$m	395.8	591.3
Alterations and additions	\$m	97.9	150.0
Non-residential building	\$m	222.1	523.3
Total building	\$m	715.8	1264.5

## INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYED PERSONS (November quarter)

		2004	2009
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	'000	16.7	14.4
Mining	'000	2.5	3.7
Manufacturing	'000	21.7	18.1
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	'000	3.2	4.9
Construction	'000	16.9	22.3
Wholesale Trade	'000	6.0	6.9
Retail Trade	'000	24.9	26.3
Accommodation and Food Services	'000	16.4	16.1
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	'000	9.7	9.7
Information Media and Telecommunications	'000	3.6	4.3
Financial and Insurance Services	'000	4.7	5.2
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	'000	2.5	2.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	'000	9.9	11.2
Administrative and Support Services	'000	6.4	5.7
Public Administration and Safety	'000	17.0	21.5
Education and Training	'000	18.1	18.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	'000	22.3	26.6
Arts and Recreation Services	'000	4.1	4.6
Other Services	'000	7.6	8.5
Total	'000	214.5	230.3

## INDUSTRY

### RETAIL TRADE (a)

		2003-04	2008-09
Turnover (trend) -			
Food retailing	\$m	1467.1	2035.7
Household goods retailing	\$m	824.8	1127.3
Clothing, footwear and personal	\$m	225.5	297.6
Cafes, restaurants and takeaway	\$m	311.3	485.4
Other retail	\$m	1005.1	1144.3
Total	\$m	3833.8	5090.3

(a) Excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol etc

### MANUFACTURING

		2003-04	2006-07
Employment (end of June)	no.	22500	23696
Wages and Salaries	\$m	900	997
Sales and service income	\$m	5948	6931
Sales and service income per person	'000	264.9	292.0

### TOURISM AND TRAVEL (12 months ending Sept)(a)

		2006	2009
Total adult visitors to Tasmania	'000	810.2	917.1
Visitors' expenditure in Tasmania	\$m	1168	1468
Origin			
Australia	'000	703.7	781.2
International	'000	106.5	135.9
Purpose			
Visiting relatives/friends	'000	224.1	242.4
Holiday	'000	382.7	438.2
Conference/convention/business	'000	160.3	192.2

(a) Tasmanian Visitor Survey conducted by Tourism Tasmania. Data from TVS includes visitors who arrived on scheduled airline flights and Bass Strait ferries only

## TRANSPORT

		2003-04	2008-09
Sales of new motor vehicles (a)	no.	18777	17677
Motor vehicles and motorcycles on register at 31 March (b)	no.	350403	400516

(a) These statistics are based on the VFACTS series produced by the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries

(b) Figures from Motor Vehicle Census

## INDUSTRY CONTRIBUTION TO GROSS VALUE ADDED (a)

		2003-04	2008-09
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	%	5.4	5.7
Mining	%	2.9	2.3
Manufacturing	%	15.1	12.7
Electricity, gas, water & waste services	%	4.4	4.5
Construction	%	5.0	4.9
Wholesale trade	%	3.3	3.5
Retail trade	%	5.1	5.7
Accommodation & food services	%	3.0	3.3
Transport, postal & warehousing	%	6.6	6.7
Information media & telecommunications	%	2.0	2.1
Finance & insurance services	%	8.4	9.5
Rental, hiring & real estate services	%	2.1	1.9
Professional, scientific & technical services	%	2.7	2.6
Administrative & support services	%	1.4	1.5
Public education & safety	%	7.1	7.2
Education & training	%	6.5	6.1
Health care & social assistance	%	8.3	9.0
Art & recreation services	%	0.7	0.7
Other services	%	2.6	2.2
Ownership of dwellings	%	7.6	7.8

(a) Chain volume measures

# ENVIRONMENT

## CLIMATE, 2009 (a)

		Hobart	Laun- ceston	Burnie	Swan- sea	Stra- han
Total rainfall	mm	865	748	840	761	1696
Rain days	no.	175	135	154	145	246
Mean daily maximum temperature	°C	17.6	18.9	17.5	18.0	16.6
Mean daily minimum temperature	°C	9.1	8.2	10.3	8.2	8.1
Highest temperature	°C	38.3	39.0	33.8	35.3	34.5
Lowest temperature	°C	0.5	-2.3	2.0	-1.8	-1.6

(a) Tasmanian Climate Services Centre, Bureau of Meteorology

## SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

°C	degrees Celsius	no.	number
doz	dozen	p	preliminary data
f.o.b.	free on board	VET	Vocational Education and Training
g	gram		
GFS	Government Finance Statistics	VFACTS	Vehicle Facts
		%	per cent
kg	kilogram	'000	thousands
km <sup>2</sup>	square kilometres	\$	dollars
ml	millilitre	\$m	million dollars
mm	millimetre		

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